Traffic control and management Information System

37. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has recently introduced an advance telecommunication system for effective management of telephone traffic during peak hours in the Capital through Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the cost of the project and whether the same has been developed indigenously;

(c) whether, with the introduction of this new system, the operational performance of Delhi's telehone network which run into 112 exchanges or so and have 89 lakh telephone subscribers will improve effectively; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a similar system in Rajasthan indicating also what further additional technologies into the network in 1995-96 are likely to be brought in Delhi and elsewhere in the country and budgetary provisions proposed to be made in this regard during the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. It has been introduced on an experimental basis.

(b) So far, digital E, 10B Electronic exchanges have been extended to the system. As far as other analog type electronic switches and new High Tech. switches namely AXE-10, 5 ESS and OCB-283 are concerned, separate software development will be done at a later date so as to extend the same to the system. The cost of the above experimental project is of the order of Rs. 20 lakhs. The system has been developed fully indigenously.

(c) Yes, Sir, the telephone exchange performance after successful completion of the experimental project when all the electronic exchanges of Delhi are extended to the system likely to improve.

(d) No Sir. Presently there is no proposal to introduce exchange Management System or like equipment in Rajasthan circle.

Bidding for Indian Cellular Phones Business

38. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consortium comprising NOKIA of Finland and Metrosell and Deneb Robotics Inc. of the United States are bidding for the Indian Cellular phones business in five of the 18 circles, tenders for which were floated by DOT last year, as reported in Financial Express, New Delhi dated the 26th January, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the business terms have already been finalised and contracts awarded by DOT to major Indian companies in collaboration with foreign partners. If so, the names thereof; and

(d) whether India has opted for the Groups Special Mobile (GSM) technology standardised for the European Community, if so, the salient features and advantages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Department has invited tenders from the registered Indian Companies for operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Services in 20 territorial circles. The last date for the submission of the tender document is 31-03-95. The details of the consortiums comprising of NOKIA of Finland and Metrosell and Deneb Robotios Inc.